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SUBJ: TURKISH-UNFICYP DISPUTE

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1. IN NOVEMBER 23 MEETING WITH GUVENDIREN (REF B), WHICH TOOK PLACE PRIOR TO RECEIPT OF INSTRUCTIONS IN REF A, EMBOFF TOOK A POSITION CONSISTENT WITH THOSE INSTRUCTIONS. FOLLOWING UP ON NOVEMBER 24, EMBOFF CONTACTED CYPRUS-GREECE DIRECTOR GENERAL TURGUT TULUMEN TO REEMPHASIZE COUNSEL OF RESTRAINT. EMBOFF ALSO, ON THE BASIS OF PARA 1 REF C, ASKED TULUMEN ABOUT ACTION BY TURKISH COMMANDER AT KAYMAKLI IN ISSUING AN ULTIMATUM TO THE LOCAL UNFICYP COMMANDER.

2. IN RESPONSE, TULUMEN SAID THE NEED FOR RESTRAINT WAS VERY CLEAR AND THAT THE TURKISH GOVERNMENT WAS PRACTICING RESTRAINT AND WOULD CONTINUE TO DO SO. AS THE LATEST CONCRETE EXAMPLE, THE TURKISH GENERAL STAFF HAD TODAY (NOVEMBER 24) CONFIDENTIAL

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SENT A TWO-STAR GENERAL TO CYPRUS TO EXPLAIN TO LOCAL COMMANDERS

THE GOT'S VIEWS AND POSITION ON THE DISPUTE WITH UNFICYP.
(NOTE: TULUMEN ASKED THAT THIS INFORMATION BE KEPT STRICTLY
WITHIN THE U.S. GOVERNMENT.) ALSO, THE MFA HAD SENT " DEFINITE
INSTRUCTIONS" TO THE TURKISH EMBASSY AT NICOSIA TO CONTINUE
SEEKING TO SETTLE THE ISSUE THROUGH NEGOTIATIONS.

3. AS REAGRDS THE NOVEMBER 23 ACTIONS REPORTED IN REF C,
TULUMEN SAID THAT HE HAD RECEIVED SIMILAR INFORMATION. GREEK
CYPRIOTS WITH SIX OR SEVEN TRACTORS, HE SAID, HAD BEEN BROUGHT
VERY CLOSE TO THE TURVISH FORWARD DEFENSE LINES. UNDER SUCH
CIRCUMSTANCES, HE WENT ON, IT WAS DIFFICULT TO CONVINCE A LOCAL
TURKISH COMMANDER THAT SECURITY IN THE AREA FOR WHICH HE WAS
RESPONSIBLE WAS NOT RPT NOT AFFECTED. IF UNFICYP CONTINUED
PUSHING ITS CHALLENGE TO THE TURKISH POSITION, THE DANGER OF
AN INCIDENT WOULD RISE DESPITE ALL GOT EFFORTS TO KEEP A TIGHT
REIN ON LOCAL COMMANDERS. HE SPECULATED THAT UNFICYP
COMMANDER PREM CHAND COULD BE SEEKING TO PROVOKE AN INCIDENT
"BECAUSE HE IS BITTER OVER BEING FORCED TO RESIGN".

4. THE BASIC PROBLEM, TULUMEN CONCLUDED, IS THAT WHILE
THE TURKISH SIDE IS SEEKING NEGOTIATIONS ON THE ISSUE, UNFICYP
IS TRYING TO FORCE THE ISSUE THROUGH DIRECT ACTION. HE HOPED
UNFICYP COULD BE PERSUADED TO ENTER NEGOTIATIONS.
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